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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the location of a civil jury trial.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 156

- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **602.1219 Civil trial** proper 2 jurisdiction.
- 3 A civil jury trial shall be held in a county with proper
- 4 jurisdiction over the proceeding, unless there are grounds for
- 5 a change of venue. Venue for a civil jury trial shall not be
- ${\bf 6}$ determined based upon the residency of the judicial officer
- 7 presiding over the trial.
- 8 EXPLANATION
- 9 This bill relates to the location of a civil jury trial. The
- 10 bill provides that a civil jury trial shall be held in a county
- 11 with proper jurisdiction over the proceeding, unless there are
- 12 grounds for a change of venue. A civil jury trial shall not
- 13 be held in a county based upon the residency of the judicial
- 14 officer presiding over the trial.